STATE OF MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT AMENDMENTS TO MAINE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

NOTICE OF COURT RULES ACTION

This Court has considered proposals to amend Rules 5(a) and 5C(a) of the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure to clarify the days, including state government closure days, to be excluded in calculating the 48 hour first judicial appearance requirement addressed in those rules. (The proposal did not extend to the requirement in M.R. Crim. P. 4A(a) for a probable cause determination within 48 hours of arrest.) Following public notice and opportunity to comment on the proposed rulemaking, the Court received numerous comments regarding the proposal. On October 8, 2009, the Court considered the draft rules amendments and the comments, and after due deliberation:

THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO MAINE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 5(a) and 5C(a) IN SEPTEMBER 2009 ARE NOT ADOPTED.

Dated: October 13, 2009

For the Court,¹

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Chief Justice

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¹ This Order is approved after conference of the Court, all of the Justices concurring therein.